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SUBJECT: SHRIMP AGREEMENT

1. THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING PRESS  
RELEASE CONCERNING THE SHRIMP FISHING AGREEMENT. EMBASSY  
MAY ALSO ISSUE THE RELEASE IF IT DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE TO  
DO SO.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S PRESS RELEASE: UNITED STATES  
AND BRAZIL SIGN SHRIMPING AGREEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL TODAY  
SIGNED AN AGREEMENT CONTINUING THEIR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO  
CONSERVE SHRIMP IN AN AREA OFF THE COAST OF BRAZIL BY  
REGULATING THE FISHING ACTIVITIES OF SHRIMP VESSELS OF THE  
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TWO COUNTRIES. THE AGREEMENT REFINES THE AGREEMENT CON-

CERNING SHRIMP OF MAY 9, 1972 UNDER WHICH SHRIMP FISHERMEN OF THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE OPERATED IN THE AREA WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

3. THE AGREEMENT REFLECTS THE MUTUAL CONCERN OF THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR CONSERVATION OF THE SHRIMP RESOURCES. BOTH COUNTRIES EXPRESSLY RESERVE THEIR JURIDICAL POSITIONS ON THE QUESTION OF TERRITORIAL SEAS AND FISHERIES JURISDICTION UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. BOTH PARTIES RECOGNIZE IN THE AGREEMENT THAT THEY HAVE ARRIVED AT AN "ACCOMMODATION FOR THE CONDUCT OF SHRIMP FISHERIES WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO EITHER PARTY'S JURIDICAL POSITION."

4. THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN HUGH CRIMMINS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN MINISTER ANTONIO FRANCISCO AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA FOR BRAZIL. IT WILL BE SUBMITTED SHORTLY TO THE SENATE FOR ITS ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION. THE RATIFIED AGREEMENT WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1976.

5. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING SHRIMP CONTINUE A CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTION OF A COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT PROBLEM REACHED IN 1972. THE TWO NATIONS HAVE ONCE AGAIN AFFIRMED THE VALUE OF NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS AND THE TRADITIONAL SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THEIR RELATIONS OVER 150 YEARS. END TEXT ROBINSON UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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